GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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NHDP PROJECT IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes and the projects for improvement and upgradation of National Highways in Assam;

(b) the fund allocated and released for implementation of the same;

(c) whether the Government proposes to convert the National Highway into four- lane up to Dibrugarh;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of the work;

(e) whether the Government proposes to extend the four-laning work from Dibrugarh onward; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Improvement & upgradation of National Highways in Assam is carried out under National Highway Development Project-II (NHDP-II), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East Region (SARDP-NE) and National Highways (Original) Schemes. Four-laning of 678 km of National Highways from Silchar to Srirampur (Assam/West Bengal Border) in Assam is being executed as part of East- West Corridor by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) under NHDP-II. Under Phase 'A' of SARDP-NE, improvement & upgradation of 1049 km National Highways stretches to four-lane/two-lane with/without paved shoulders in Assam has been approved by Government. Improvement & upgradation under NH (O) is a continuous process and works are undertaken by BRO and Assam PWD every year depending on availability of funds under Annual Plans.

(b) Funds allocated to NHAI are not State specific. During 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 8777.06 crore has been allocated to NHAI under GBS(BE) for the country as a whole. State specific allocation is not made to BRO also. During 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 150 crore has been allocated to BRO under NH(O) and Rs. 450 crore under SARDP-NE for North-Eastern region as a whole. An amount of Rs. 150 crore and Rs. 100 crore has been allocated to Assam PWD under SARDP-NE and NH(O), respectively during 2007-08. Releases are made by the executive agencies linked to progress of works.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. Four-laning of 315 km of NH-37 from Nagaon to Dibrugarh has been approved on BOT(Annuity) basis to be implemented by NHAI. NHAI has initiated action to prepare detailed project reports and obtain statutory clearances etc.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.